

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) Apparatus for measuring a cinching tension exerted on on a child seat ~~anchor bracket of~~ placed on a bottom cushion of a vehicle seat, said child seat having first and second tether straps for cinching said child seat to said vehicle seat, comprising:

first and second child seat anchor brackets oppositely disposed about said child seat in proximity to said bottom cushion, said first and second child seat anchor brackets being adapted to secure said first and second tether straps, respectively;

an anchor frame coupled to the anchor bracket, and extending across a width dimension of the vehicle seat and secured to a frame of the vehicle seat; and

a first tension or strain sensor coupled to the securing said first child seat anchor bracket to a first end of said anchor frame, and a second tension sensor securing said second child seat anchor bracket to a second end of said anchor frame.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein ~~said sensor includes~~ each of said first and second tension sensors includes a first portion rigidly secured to said anchor frame and a second portion integral with said a respective child seat anchor bracket.

3. (withdrawn) Apparatus for measuring tension exerted on a child seat anchor bracket of a vehicle seat, comprising:

an anchor frame rigidly secured to the anchor bracket, and secured to a frame of the vehicle seat; and

a tension sensor including a first portion coupled to said anchor frame and a second portion coupled to the seat frame.

4. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said anchor frame is secured to the seat frame by a pivot coupling, and the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame between said pivot joint and said anchor bracket.

5. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said anchor frame extends laterally across said seat, and first and second child seat anchor brackets are rigidly secured to laterally opposite ends of said anchor frame such that said first and second anchor brackets are disposed in a gap between back and bottom cushions of said seat.

6. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame at a point intermediate said first and second child seat anchor brackets.

7. (withdrawn) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said anchor frame is secured to the seat frame by a pivot coupling, and the first portion of said sensor is coupled to said anchor frame at a point intermediate said pivot joint and said anchor brackets.